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The Situation in the House.

Mr. Bailey has again shown the qualities of a leader. When the question of the tariff bill came up he advised against any more factious opposition on part of the minority. He recognized the fact that the responsibility for legislation rested with the majority, and he very properly urged that the measure reported by the majority for the relief of the country be permitted to have a clear track through the House. The sooner the bill became a law and was tried the sooner its value or lack of value would be demonstrated. If it justified the claims of its authors, the whole people would benefit; if it failed, that result in itself would go a long way to insure the election of a democratic House next year. This was both good reasoning and good politics.

The question of moment now relates to the appointment of the Speaker at the extra session of all the committees of the House. Mr. Reed has given to the House and to the country the reasons for the course he is pursuing. His party is perfectly satisfied with them, and that insures that his policy will not be changed. Why agitate the matter of a change, therefore? No legislation pressing upon the House. When it passed the appropriation bills which it had inherited from the previous House, and then the tariff bill, it completed the work for which it had been called together.

Mr. Bailey acquiesces in this view of things. As a democrat he is opposed to all of the republican policies. He realizes that the tariff bill is the best reason for not care to assist in spurring the majority on to its utmost. The less it does, the better he, as a democrat, will be pleased. He expects the tariff bill to fail as a restorer of prosperity, and that that failure alone will do the work for the republicans. Besides, the regular sessions of this House are yet to come, and there will be opportunity for plenty of fight then. Beyond mere debate, which in the circumstances would be certain to become more acrimonious than illuminating, it is difficult to see what the House could accomplish at this session by daily sittings and a thorough organization. Mr. Bailey is as well fitted to enjoy and enliven debate as any of his party associates. He is easily one of the best talkers in the House. So, in foregoing mere debate at this session, he cannot be accused of selfishness at all. In that matter he is as much despoiled as anybody else can be.

An Urgent Resolution.

The joint resolution introduced in the Senate recently by Chairman McMillan respecting the Anacostia flats should be passed early in the present session if it is to be given practical effect. It appropriates \$10,000 to enable the Secretary of War to prepare a project for the reclamation of these low lands and marshes, the report to be submitted to Congress on the first Monday in December, 1897. In order to permit the Secretary to make the necessary preparations, to summon the proper agents for the survey, and after the work has been done to digest the results and reach a careful conclusion such as the circumstances require, at least six months should be allowed. That much time can be given if the House will be sure to pass the joint resolution by the first of June, but to make certain the present is the best season for the Senate to enact the legislation in order that the House can have no complaint of the lack of opportunity. This becomes more urgent when it is recollected that two years ago the Senate inserted in the District appropriation bill a provision for a survey of the unfinished aqueduct tunnel, with a view to deciding the question of its completion. The work was begun at once when the money became available, but owing to the natural and necessary delays it was not finished in time for the submission of the report to the House committee on appropriations. It reached the Senate, however, while the District bill was under consideration, and that body forthwith inserted an item for the completion of the tunnel and reservoir in accordance with the findings of the Secretary of War. The House objected to this legislation on the ground that it had not been able to examine the question. The item was stricken from the bill. This year it was expected that the House would be able to examine the question, but it again went by the board and was stricken out in conference after the Senate had reinserted it. The House end that the appropriation for the Anacostia improvement, which is needed to save more than the increase of the water supply, shall not be treated in this haphazard and shuttlecock fashion that the necessary legislation looking to a survey of the ground and the formation of a project should be enacted without any delay at this session.

It is to be feared that this dress-coat discussion is taking up more of Mr. Bailey's time than half a dozen box-parties or receptions would have consumed.

A Pernicious Policy.

Ever since the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and other imitations of butter became part of the commerce of the country there has been a bold, defiant and persistent purpose on the part of many of these engaged in the traffic to ignore the laws and regulations governing it. The low cost at which oleomargarine can be manufactured and its close likeness to genuine butter inspired the cupidity of many of the men who produced and sold it and they adopted the system of representing the product as genuine butter and selling it for such to the public at prices usually obtained for the latter article.

The persons engaged in this widespread and outrageous imposition have been virtually protected in their practices by the policy pursued by the officials of the Internal Revenue bureau. The men who are known to be the most flagrant violators of the law and who have been arrested time and time again for offenses coming under the provisions have been permitted to escape the risk of a trial in court and by secretly paying into the Treasury Department large sums of money.

The low cost of placing oleomargarine on the market, which was shown in the Evening Star Friday to be slightly under six-and-a-half cents a pound, and its subsequent sale when represented as real butter

at from 20 to 35 cents a pound show conclusively that the immense profits realized by dishonest dealers in the stuff make the payment of money to secure immunity from prosecution for their offenses of no material consequence to them. The confidence they have in their ability to settle cases out of court by quietly turning over a sum of money to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue makes them bolder in their violations of the laws and the policy of compromise is thus made a premium upon flagrant disregard of the statutes of the United States. The Treasury Department is now considering an offer made in behalf of Joseph Wilkins and Howard Butler of this city who are under indictment in Philadelphia on charges of having flagrantly violated the oleomargarine laws on Sunday, December 20, 1896. The special agents of the Internal Revenue bureau have no doubt of their ability to secure a conviction of the parties; the law abiding people of the whole country demand that the men shall be punished, and made to abide the results of a trial; the reputable business interests that are being steadily injured by the continued permission given oleomargarine dealers to violate the laws are a unit in the same belief and Joseph Wilkins and his brother are under indictment here on three separate charges of selling oleomargarine for genuine butter, yet the fact remains that the treasury officials will interfere with the course of justice and allow Wilkins and Butler to go free if they pay over a sum of money large enough to meet the requirements of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Secretary of the Treasury. It is a disgraceful condition of affairs. No other description is adequate under the conditions. It is a prostitution of the discretionary power vested in the treasury officials because that power was never intended to be used as a permit for violators of the laws of the United States to continue breaking them. The power was only given the officials to be exercised in cases where offenses are committed through ignorance or where palliating circumstances were found in the case. In the cases of the oleomargarine dealers who violate the law no such reasons are present. There is another point to be taken into account in connection with the question at issue, considered locally. The regulations governing the sale of oleomargarine laws in the national capital are flagrantly ignored day in and day out. The District is a perfect paradise for the dishonest dealers who violate the law. The central point of distribution for the shipment of the product into the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The tubs and packages containing it are boldly striped of all distinguishing marks and their contents sold as butter at butter prices to thousands of purchasers who believe they are buying genuine butter every day. The local internal revenue officials are fully aware of this fact but apparently make no attempt to do their duty and enforce the laws. There must be a very decided change in the policy of the treasury officials or public indignation will compass some means to bring about reform. The Internal Revenue bureau could easily make it impossible to prevent the sale of a single pound of oleomargarine for other than oleomargarine. If the present regulations are not sufficient for the purpose, which they are, if properly enforced, the Secretary of the Treasury can remedy their defects because the Supreme Court of the United States has on repeated occasions affirmed the validity of regulations made by that officer and he can make them as broad and effectual as the conditions demand.

Lillookalani is said to believe that she could be elected president of Hawaii. This country has produced so many examples of that kind of hallucination that the administration can be excused for being skeptical.

The results of recent elections are a source of serious temptation for several statesmen to waver in their determination to apply themselves to their private business instead of to politics.

After one or two more victories General Weyler may be expected to take up the work of explaining the circumstances over which he had no control.

Only one hundred and fifty men worked today on the city post office building.

SHOOTING STARS.

A Leveler of Ranks.

"Pete," said Meandering Mike, "de bicycle is a great thing."

"I don't see what it's done for us," replied Plodding Pete.

"It's annihilated de aristocracy, dat's what it's done. Whenever we gits a hand-out of old clothes, they're bicycle clothes, an when we goes up ter make a call at a farm house nobody can't tell from de looks of us dat we ain't swells dat got lost on a century run."

Spring.

To greet her some on fancy's wings
May hasten and serenely smile;
To him but grief the season brings.
His best clothes now are out of style.

His Identity.

"What I like," said the rural enthusiast, "is the blissful quiet; the knowledge that the birds can sing each morning undisputedly the advance of commerce, and that the silent advocate of civilization across the floor is the only reminder you have each morning that the cares of life must be taken up once more."

"Who is he?" whispered the new comer to the suburban town.

"He's the man who makes a practice of getting up at 5 o'clock three times a week and working a lawn-mower which sounds like a printing press."

An Objection.

"No, sir," said Senator Sorghum with great emphasis, "I shall never feel satisfied until these caricatures are suppressed."

"You object to a public man's having his facial expression altered for the amusement of the public?"

"I don't think I hold that there is no reason why a man who gets office should, any more than a private citizen, have his features advertised so that every creditor and every man with a subscription paper can recognize him at a glance."

Art and Nature.

A mist of green is on the trees
Along the arched avenue;
The sun looks down once more and sees
His mimicked self upon the leas
Where dandelions shine anew.

Yet all the blooming, rare and rich,
The Easter season gets its due;
Cannot compare to glories which,
With wondrous hues and cunning stitch,
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